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(C) Poloff delivered reftel points to Luigi Diodati of the OSCE office of the Italian MFA. Diodati said the GOI had already received information on the USG position through their OSCE mission in Vienna. Diodati said the head of the MFA's OSCE office, Brunella Borzi was not in Rome but upon her return would begin consultations with counterparts in other EU capitals prior to formalizing the Italian position in the hope that a broad EU consensus could emerge through the discussions. Meanwhile, he said, the GOI understood USG concerns about a possible Kazakh chairmanship of the organization, but was not opposed to the bid at this time. SPOGLI